

CANDIDATES ON APRIL BALLOT TELL VIEWS

Due to space limitations in last week's issue of the Torrance Herald, the following statements of some of the candidates seeking office in the April 11 election were by necessity omitted.

Statements from candidates other than those printed below were run in the Herald two weeks ago.

FRANK SCHMIDT, a native of Denver, Colorado, moved to California and settled in Torrance in 1931. He married a native Torrance girl, Rose (nee) Agapito and they have two sons, Frank George, 16, and James Donald, 11.

Schmidt is employed at the National Supply Company as an instrument repairman. A member of the Scottish Rite of Los Angeles, Schmidt is also a 32 degree Mason. He is an officer in the Torrance Masonic Lodge and is "Dad" advisor of the Torrance Chapter Order of De Molay.

FRANK SCHMIDT
"With no axe to grind I offer the following to the taxpayers of the City of Torrance:

"The responsibilities of a councilman are many and great. I place economy among the first and most important virtues, and public debt as one of the greatest dangers to be feared. To preserve our city and our independence, we must not permit our administrators to load us with perpetual debt. We must make our choice between economy and freedom of debt, or profusion and servitude. If

we run into an excess of such debt, we must be taxed in our bread and butter, in our necessities and in our comforts, in our labors and in our amusements. If we can prevent our administrators from wasting the labors of the people under pretense of caring for them, we will be very happy. The same prudence which in private life would forbid our paying out money for unexplained projects, forbids it in the disposition of public money.

"It is my thought that all meetings of the council (agenda and regular) should be open to the public. All who are interested should know what their administrators are doing. As we have a city manager, the business of the council should be legislative, which would allow time for the citizens and council members to talk and plan.

CARL S. MIRABELLA
Following is the statement issued by Carl S. Mirabella, 17220 Wilkie avenue, North Torrance.
"As a home owner and taxpayer of the City of Torrance, I offer my services to my fel-

low home owners and taxpayers. Mirabella, a boilermaker employed by General Petroleum, said:

"I will represent all the people of Torrance—not any faction or particular group of the people."

The veteran of World War I and an active member of the V.F.W. and D.A.V. stated he was against the sale of the city bus lines and believes that the city should continue to operate the lines. He maintained the record of the bus department is a good one.

"They just need more buses," he stated.

A resident of Torrance for the past five years, Mirabella stressed the need for more facilities for the youth of the community. He said that the teenagers now have no after-school facilities in which to meet or hold their activities.

ROBERT E. LEE
Robert E. Lee is a candidate for the office of City Clerk of the City of Torrance. His statement, prepared by his friends, will serve as a reference for the people of this city who are interested in good government, that they might know more about Mr. Lee and his background.

Robert "Bud" Lee, born in Texas, is 36 years old. He is married to Eleanor Lee and has three children: Ardith, 8, Carol Anne, 13, and Bob, 12. He has lived in Torrance for 10 years at 1314 Date avenue. His telephone number is TO-637. He graduated from Fremont High School in Los Angeles. He was a member of the U. S. Merchant Marine during 1943. He became affiliated with the U. S. Civil

Service in 1944. His position was that of Zone Leader in charge of aircraft parts inspection in the Southwest area, which included Phoenix, Yuma and San Diego.

In recent years, he has held the position of foreman of the retail division of the Mayfair Creamery in Torrance.

In all of the positions which Mr. Lee has held, he has had the responsibility of accounting and records, together with the supervision of extensive personnel and the ability to prosper in public relations.

Mr. Lee has been very active in youth work here in Torrance as a supervisor of "Gra-Y" activities in the Y.M.C.A. for the past three years.

He is at present the chairman of the Recreation Commission which has done so much for Torrance in the past year and a half. The position of City Clerk requires the following duties, which you should know to assist you in choosing the man for the position.

The City Clerk is the supervisor of the City Clerk's office personnel; shall be present at all City Council meetings; keep records of proceedings in minute books; present communications to the City Council; compile and maintain ordinance and resolution books of record; shall administer oaths and affirmations; shall be custodian of the seal of the city; shall maintain financial records and accounts; shall keep ledgers of budgets and accounts; shall make monthly reports of receipts and expenditures; shall approve all demands and arrange all payments; shall be Tax and License Collector of the city. In summary of this statement,

we believe the following to be conclusive.

Mr. Lee would serve the City of Torrance as City Clerk with tact and consideration for the public, thoroughness and accuracy in accounting, cooperation and assistance to the City Council, and maintain system and adequacy of records for the various departments of the city.

The office of City Clerk is the principal public office of the City of Torrance.

Robert E. "Bud" Lee is the courteous, helpful, able type of man who would be a credit to the city and to the people who could look to him for guidance and accountability.

VICTOR E. BENSTEAD

Following is the statement of Victor E. Benstead, chairman of the Civil Service Commission, on his stand on coming election issues:

"A number of men who are comparative new-comers to our community are candidates for the City Council. Although well meaning in their civic duty to serve as councilmen, they cannot possibly be aware of our immediate problems such as recreation and transportation.

"I have been a resident of Torrance for 25 years, having raised

my family here. I am presently employed by Columbia Steel. During my residential years in Torrance, I have seen many councilmen, both good and bad, make an attempt to tackle the many problems of our city. During this time I have been somewhat active in civic affairs and have done whatever possible to stop various practices not in good faith.

"I have seen Torrance grow from a city of 9,000 to its present 21,400 residents. A great deal of this growth has centered around Hollywood Riviera, Walteria, Seaside Ranchos, Kettler Knolls and North Torrance. In order to continue developing the City of Torrance, a city of 19 square miles with its boundaries extending from Western avenue west to the Pacific Ocean and from Redondo Beach boulevard south to Palms Verdes Estates, we need adequate transportation facilities now more than ever before. I am firmly convinced that all of us realize how vitally important this matter is at this time.

"The present dispute over the bus system is not a new one. In 1945 the majority of the Council voted to sell this transportation system. N. H. Cucci, then

a member of the Council, opposed the motion and tried in vain to get the majority to rescind their action, pointing out that the bus lines operated as a

public utility and belonged to the people. "I participated in and contributed to a citizen committee and

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